16. The forest area at the end of the year exhibits an increase of 159 square miles and 630 acres.

17. The changes which have occurred in divisional forest areas, and the causes of these changes, will be seen in this statement:—

No.	Division.	Reserved Forests.								Protected Forests.							
		Additions.				Exclusions.				Additions.				Exclusions.			
		By Notification.		By Rectification.		By Notification.		By Rectification.		By Notification.		By Rectification.		By Notification.		By Rectification.	
		Square miles.	Acres.	Square miles.	Acres.	Square miles.	Acres.	Square miles.	Acres.	Square miles.	Acres.	Square miles.	Acres.	Square miles.	Acres.	Square miles.	Acres.
1	East Khándesh	...	...	...	...	...	148	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	West Khándesh	143	182	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Násik	...	261	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Ahmednagar	...	217	1	435	...	222	...	485	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	30
5	Poona	3	137	...	...	...	94	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	Sátára	15	16	...	153	2	222	...	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	Sholápur	...	76	...	...	...	188	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	162	249	1	588	3	249	...	574	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	30

(ii).—FOREST SETTLEMENTS.

18. The work of forest settlement is practically complete in the Central Circle, the Forest Conservancy Projects of every táluka having been drawn up, approved and sanctioned by Government, but some occupied lands are contained within the conservancy reservation, and these are being acquired gradually by Forest Settlement Officers as opportunity may offer, when the rights attaching to them are inquired into, settled and recorded under the prescriptions of the forest law.

19. The following statement shows the areas acquired during the year and the method and cost of acquirement:—

No.	Division.	By Exchange.	By Purchase.		Acreage rate.
		Acres.	Acres.	Amount paid.	
				Rs.	Rs. a. p.
1	East Khándesh	...	324	1,647	5 1 4
2	West Khándesh	866	391	1,432	3 10 7
3	Násik	...	...	...	.....
4	Ahmednagar	89	100	1,311	13 1 9
5	Poona	412	47	142	3 0 4
6	Sátára	222	134	1,157	8 10 1
7	Sholápur	...	...	...	.....
	Total ...	1,589	996	5,689	5 11 4

20. Of the Khándesh divisions Mr. J. H. DuBoulay, I. C. S., Assistant Collector, was special Forest Settlement Officer throughout the year, in addition to his own Revenue and Magisterial duties. Occupied lands were acquired by purchase:—

No.	Táluka.	Area.	Compensation.
		Acres.	Rs.
1	Chálisgaon... ...	119	817
2	Jalgaon	205	830
3	Dhulia	335	1,313
4	Pimpalner	56	119
	Total ...	715	3,079